

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 – 7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A hair-cutting apparatus comprising:
a cutting device for cutting hair; and
a suction device for drawing off cut pieces of hair, said suction device comprising a suction channel, which is bounded by ~~at least one~~ a plurality of channel walls, ~~wherein~~ at least some of one or more of said channel walls extending into the vicinity of said cutting device and, wherein ~~said~~ at least one of said channel walls ends in the vicinity of said cutting device, and surrounds a suction opening through which air can be drawn into said suction channel in one suction direction at a flow rate,

wherein said suction device comprises a varier means for varying said flow rate in said vicinity of said cutting device; and

wherein said varier means comprises a spring that interacts with an adjustable section of said at least one channel wall wherein said adjustable section moves in a linear direction in response to contact with the hair to be cut and adjusts said flow rate in said vicinity of said cutting device.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said spring means spring-loads said adjustable section counter to said suction direction, and
wherein said adjustable section interacts with the hair to be cut during the interaction with the hair to be cut, and counters a force of spring means.

4. (Previously Presented) A hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the spring means is in the form of a rod-type or leaf-type spring that extends essentially transversely to said suction direction.
5. (Previously Presented) A hair-cutting apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said force of said rod-type or leaf-type spring lies in a range between 10mN and 50mN.
6. (Withdrawn) A hair cutting device comprising:
 - a motor having two drive shafts wherein a first driveshaft is connected to an eccentric configuration and a second driveshaft is engaged to a fan for creating an air flow through a portion of a housing of said hair cutting device;
 - a cutting apparatus motivated by said eccentric configuration;
 - an air deflection part for deflecting said air flow out of said housing;
 - a collecting container for collecting particles in said air flow;
 - a filter for separating said particles from said air flow, said filter being proximate to said collecting container;
 - a channel, bounded by at least one channel wall, for directing said air flow and said particles from an aperture to said collecting container, said aperture being bounded by said at least one channel wall and being in the vicinity of said cutting apparatus; and
 - an adjustable section of channel wall positioned along an interior of said channel in the vicinity of said aperture, wherein said adjustable section of channel wall interacts with a spring when hair is being cut and moves to enlarge said aperture.

7. (Withdrawn) A hair-suction apparatus comprising:
 - a cutting device for cutting hair; and
 - a suction device for drawing off cut pieces of hair, wherein said suction device comprises
 - a suction opening surrounded by at least one channel wall, said suction opening being in the vicinity of said cutting device;
 - a suction channel bounded by said at least one channel wall for directing an air flow from said suction opening to a collecting container; and
 - an adjustable wall section, proximate to said suction opening, wherein said adjustable wall section interacts with a spring and moves in reaction to a volume of hair introduced to said suction opening by widening or constricting said suction opening.